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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned application, please enter the following amendment.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2 and 7.

Please add new claims 18-26, as follows:

18. (New) An isolated polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 108.

19. (New) An isolated polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 108, or a fragment thereof comprising at least 10 amino acid residues of SEQ ID

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NO: 108, wherein said fragment binds an antibody having specificity for the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 108.

20. (New) An isolated polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 108, or a fragment thereof comprising at least 10 amino acid residues of SEQ ID NO: 108, wherein said polypeptide is useful in the detection of cancer.

21. (New) An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence having at least 85% identity with the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 108.

22. (New) An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence having at least 90% identity with the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 108.

23. (New) An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence having at least 95% identity with the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 108.

24. (New) An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence having at least 85% identity with the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 108, or a fragment thereof comprising at least 10 amino acid residues, wherein said fragment binds an antibody having specificity for the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 108.

25. (New) An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence having at least 85% identity with the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 108, or a fragment thereof comprising at least 10 amino acid residues, wherein said polypeptide is useful in the detection of cancer.


26. (New) A fusion protein comprising a polypeptide according to any one of claims 18-25.

REMARKS

Consideration of newly added claims 18-26 is now respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (206) 694-4885 with any questions or comments concerning this matter.

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